

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed June 13, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-16, 20-31, 35-43, and 45-46 are pending in this application, with claims 1 and 27 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Independent claims 1 and 27 have each been amended to recite “said classes including a station class including subclasses for different categories of broadcast stations, a type class having subclasses for different subject matters, and a title class having subclasses for generic titles of data mediums of each audio/visual presentation”. Support for this limitation is found at page 7, lines 14-21 of the original specification.

Claims 21 and 35 are each amended to clarify that the presentation is classified in a plurality of applicable classes subclasses. Support is found in the original claims 21 and 35 and at page 7, lines 9-10.

New claims 45 and 46 further recite a reports class. Support for this limitation is found on page 7, lines 5-6 of the application.

Claims 17-19, 34, and 44 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4, 6, 11-15, 17-20, 27, 29, 31-34, and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,574,514 (Tanihira) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,574,514 (Klosterman) and U.S. Patent No. 5,973, 722 (Wakai).

Claims 2 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Tanihara, Klosterman, and Wakai and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,623,613 (Rowe)

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Tanihira, Klosterman, and Wakai in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,141,036 (Katayama).

Claims 7, 8, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Tanihira, Klosterman, and Wakai in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,751,581 (Ishiguro).

Claims 9, 10, 24, 25, and 38-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Tanihira, Klosterman, and Wakai in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,526,581 (Edson).

Claims 21 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Tanihira, Klosterman, and Wakai in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,232,539 (Looney).

Claims 22, 23, and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Tanihira, Klosterman, and Wakai in view of WO 99/35009 (Beckert).

Claims 26 and 43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Tanihira, Klosterman, and Wakai in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,725 (Becker).

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Tanihira, Klosterman, and Wakai in view of EP 0 560 593 (Kawamura).

Independent claims 1 and 27 now specifically recite that the audio/visual presentations are classified in three classes disclosed in the specification. None of the prior art discloses or suggests the classification of the three claimed classes. Rowe specifically discloses classifying programming information based on subject matter having general classes and more specific subclasses. However, there is no teaching or suggestion for including the classes of “stations” and “titles”, as recited in independent claim 1 and 27. In contrast, all of the programs in Rowe are television stations so there is no reason for other categories of classes. None of the prior art of record teach or suggest allowing a user to select a audio/visual program based on various

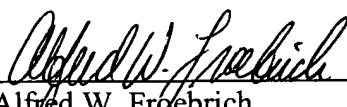
different characteristics i.e., station, subject matter, data medium. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 27 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Dependent claims 2-16 and 20-26, 28-33, 35-43, and 45-46, are allowable for at least the same reasons as independent claims 1 and 27, as well as for the additional reasons recited therein.

New claims 45 and 46 further define the classes as including a report class.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any additional fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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